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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the Microsoft settlement. The settlement has been a long time in the making. Three years have passed since the inception of this case. Over these years, many dollars and much time have been wasted hiring court mediators. Finally in November a settlement has been reached. I believe this settlement to be fair. Most importantly, however, I believe this settlement is in the best interests of our economy and our country.

Under the terms of the settlement Microsoft agrees to license Windows at the same rate to PC manufacturers. This will decrease costs for the consumer. Further Microsoft will now disclose the protocols and internal interface of the Windows system. This will allow developers to design software that is more compatible with the Windows system. Users, in addition, will be able to add non-Microsoft software to the system.

The benefits of this settlement clearly outweigh the costs. I hope that you would enact the settlement at the end of January.

Sincerely,



Brett Elkins